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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West, and steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate at best with interest focused on other meat items as the holiday approaches. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle limited trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Plant operations were mixed with some plants down for Good Friday, and others running lighter schedules to match interest. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Breast items were adequate, but barely adequate to short for boneless skinless and tenders. Wings were sufficient and moving, and dark meat was in balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 77.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 67.50 cents last year on April 06, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	208.50
BREASTS - B/S	168.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.50
LEG QUARTERS	43.00
WINGS	137.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was mostly light to fair with interest more focused on other meat items as Easter approaches. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. Processing for this week was mixed with many plants either down for Good Friday, or running lighter schedules to match interest. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were sufficient with tenders and boneless skinless in the tightest position held with confidence. Wings were adequate and moving satisfactorily, and dark meat was in balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only fair for midweek business. Offerings were light to fully adequate with heavier sizes in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins were well cleared to short and other items were usually adequate for requirements.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone continued steady. Trade interest and offerings were limited. Retail and food service movement continued to focus on other holiday proteins, with light to moderate demand noted on chicken. Best activity was into food service for eight piece cut-up fryers and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable to heavy. Parts supplies were in balance for light to moderate trade inquiry. The market tone was steady for the most part with undertone fully steady to firm on boneless/skinless breast and barely steady to weak on wings and bone-in breast.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments were generally steady to fully steady. Offerings were fully adequate for immediate needs. Buying activity remained light as buyers' watched market developments. Retailer demand was light to moderate with best interest on parts. Floor stocks remained at least adequate. The market tone for parts was fully steady to firm on white meat items and about steady on dark meat.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 31, 2007. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 31, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through March 31, 2007 were 2.25 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 03/31/07	2007	2006	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET		215,379	213,715	+01
CHICKS PLACED		175,827	176,993	-01

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 12-May-07 is estimated at 161.7 million head. This compares to 160.8 million head the previous week and to 166.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 58.09 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APRIL 04, 2007

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	650	152.00-237.00	158-161	161.57	BREAST - B/S	645	154.00-227.00	-	165.87
TENDERLOINS	173	180.00-245.00	-	191.39	TENDERLOINS	173	182.00-241.00	-	193.74
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	200	55.00-63.00	56-57	56.80	LEGS	170	55.00-62.00	56-57	56.98
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.67	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	777	38.00-44.00	41-42	41.60	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	774	39.00-44.00	41-42	41.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	110.00-135.00	125-129	126.27	WINGS (WHOLE)	242	110.00-135.00	-	121.47
WINGS (CUT)	285	131.00-151.00	135-137	137.46	WINGS (CUT)	195	135.00-151.00	-	140.13
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.									
		<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>				<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>	<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>
		66.00 - 70.50	68.00				66.00 - 70.50	68.39	68.35

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was moderate to mostly light for limited offerings. Availability of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins were barely adequate to short, but where available were held with confidence. Other items were adequate to spot availability but clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light on broilers parts, but good on other holiday items. The market tone was fully steady to firm on boneless skinless breasts and tenders, and generally steady on the balance of items.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	170-175	155.55	890,246
TENDERLOINS	190	182.33	122,928
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	107.31	90,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.78	81,000
LEGS	56-57	56.88	181,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	39.02	307,240
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	51.81	106,120
THIGHS	51-52	55.62	78,760
B/S THIGHS	110-111	109.23	98,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	126.56	142,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.80	18,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.13	4,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	38.27	35,240

APRIL 04, 2007

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	170-175	159.95	804,883
TENDERLOINS	190	187.41	89,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	112.12	49,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.33	54,000
LEGS	56-57	56.10	281,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	37.58	370,800
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	52.13	113,680
THIGHS	51-52	56.63	71,560
B/S THIGHS	110-111	109.76	78,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	128.75	153,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.94	32,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	40.00	1,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	38.72	27,600

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
	04/04	04/03	04/02	03/30	04/02	03/30	03/28	03/26
Alabama	3,584	3,988	3,971	3,717	5.58	5.42	3,130	5.51
Arkansas	5,183	5,278	5,118	4,820	5.32	5.07	4,986	5.32
Delmarva	1,998	2,197	2,196	2,180	5.83	5.76	1,990	5.78
KY-LA-TN	2,289	2,372	2,315	2,142	5.14	4.41	2,288	5.09
Mississippi	2,587	3,110	2,985	2,697	5.56	5.32	2,755	5.60
N Carolina	2,759	2,575	2,655	2,971	6.92	6.83	2,675	6.92
Texas	2,450	2,448	2,470	2,437	5.35	5.08	2,485	5.22
Total	20,850	21,968	21,710	20,964	5.63	5.42	20,309	5.61
Mon-Wed	64,760	(A)					62,607	(A)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
	DRY PACK	110-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
DUCKS		185-195

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Apr-07 is estimated to be 31,194,000 head up 2.36 percent from a week ago and down -2.24 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,476,000, last year 31,908,000)

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-07

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/07/07 (1)	03/31/07
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	155,076 (2)	160,388
Light hens	1,255	1,257
Heavy hens	1,424	1,442
Total	157,755	163,087

(1) ESTIMATED (2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Apr-07 is 162.0 million head compared to 164.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.4 million head or 6.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 14-Apr-07 the estimated available is 162.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 04/02/07	69,750	47,359
AM 03/01/07	69,187	54,570
CHG	563	-7,211
PCT CHG	1	-13

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/02/07	03/26/07	04/03/06	04/02/07	03/26/07	04/03/06
PACIFIC						
COAST	2,178	2,079	1,157	5,495	5,846	7,469
LOS						
ANGELES	87	100	69	1,652	1,579	3,574

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2007

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-88

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 04/03/07

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	6.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.40	2.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.50	5.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.80	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	7.00	-
GEESE lb.	.60	.95	.80	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.65	2.00	1.81	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.55	1.91	RABBITS ea.	5.00	7.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	6.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.50	3.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.00	2.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	117						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending March 30, 2007

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	60.46	152.17	65.80	12.34	8.23	59.64
High	70.74	156.29	78.14	16.45	12.34	59.64
Mostly	63.34	152.17	69.92	16.45	8.23	59.64
SAN JUAN						
Low	58.40	148.06	61.69	12.34	4.11	61.69
High	67.45	156.29	74.03	20.56	8.23	61.69
Mostly	61.69	148.06	65.80	16.45	4.11	61.69
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	60.05	152.17	69.92	16.45	8.23	63.75
High	67.86	156.29	78.14	20.56	12.34	63.75
Mostly	62.51	152.17	69.92	16.45	8.23	63.75
BECERRA						
Low	61.69	152.17	74.03	16.45	8.23	63.75
High	68.68	160.40	82.26	20.56	12.34	63.75
Mostly	64.16	152.17	78.14	16.45	12.34	63.75

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair for midweek business. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for current trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were reduced at various plants due to the upcoming holiday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 76 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were adequate and moving satisfactorily. Boneless/skinless breasts and tenderloins were barely adequate to tight. Dark meat items were reported as balanced.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	69-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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